

**Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Forestry Water Quality Assistance Program,
Summary Report FY 2018**

ERP Funding Amount: \$50,000.00

Total Project Costs: \$49,999.92

<u>Value</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Measure Type</u>
\$4,166.66	per bridge	Total bridges in circulation- 12

This project was for the construction of 12 temporary wooden skidder bridges, and the subsequent awarding of those bridges to logging contractors who were eligible at no charge. The winners had to pick up the bridge at the construction location at their cost. 35 loggers submitted requests to receive bridges and the 12 winners were drawn by random.

Bridge construction was completed by June 1, 2018, and they had all been deployed to logging contractors by July 15th, 2018. All winners were contacted in the fall of 2018 to determine how the bridges were being used. About half had used the bridge at that point, and all were very pleased with the heavy duty construction of the bridges and appreciative of the program.

The Watershed Forester will follow up with the winners and create a usage report for July 15, 2019 as a grant deliverable is to report on the number of times the bridges were installed in the first 12 months of ownership.

Technical assistance and outreach were done statewide in the spring of 2018 to instruct loggers and foresters in the construction and installation of temporary skidder bridges. These workshops were held at Technical Career Centers with the Forestry and Natural Resources students taking part. A skidder bridge was constructed at each workshop and those bridges were awarded to one of the attendees, drawn by random. These workshops were funded by another ERP grant from DEC.

Skidder Bridge workshop locations:

- LEAP skidder bridge workshop- May 15, 2018- Rutland 22 attendees
- LEAP skidder bridge workshop- May 22, 2018- Hardwick 17 attendees
- LEAP skidder bridge workshop- May 30, 2018- Newport 21 attendees



Two completed bridges



Skidder Bridge Workshop- Newport